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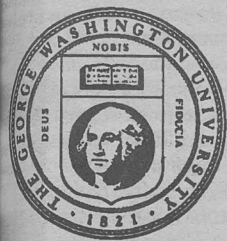
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Incidents of AIDS up among teens

by Michelle Dixon

Hatchet Staff Writer

The spread of AIDS has increased by 62 percent among teenagers and young adults between the ages of 13 and 24 in the last two years, the House Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families said in an American Foundation for AIDS Research report released in February.

The report, *A Decade of Denial: Teens and AIDS in America*, was based on the HIV-AIDS Surveillance Report distributed by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in May 1992. The CDC report covers reported AIDS cases between January 1989 and Dec. 31, 1991. Within these two years, the number of AIDS cases reported in the 13 to 24-year-old age group increased from 5,524 to 8,949 new cases nationwide, according to the report.

Suzan Lelesheur, physicians assistant at the GW Medical Center, said she does not know why AIDS has been increasingly affecting younger age groups since 1989. However, she said District AIDS reports did not indicate that trend. According to statistics released by D.C. Public Health, HIV positive patients in the 20 to 29-year-old age group constituted 19 percent of all HIV-positive people in the District in 1992. At that time, no teenagers in the 13 to 19-year-old age group were positive.

Bob Howard, spokesman for the CDC, said there was no significant increase from 1991 to 1992 in reported AIDS cases in patients between ages 13 and 24. Howard said according to the February 1993 CDC HIV-AIDS Surveillance Report, the number of AIDS cases diagnosed in 13 to 19-year-olds has remained at 159 nationwide per year and in 20 to 24-year-olds the number has actually decreased from 1,477 to 1,446 cases.

May Kennedy, a professional staff member for Rep. Pat Schroeder (D-Colo.) and spokeswoman for the House Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families, said it is important to note that the CDC reports describe AIDS cases, not HIV-positive cases. "We really do not know how many people are actually HIV positive. The reports only describe people with full-blown AIDS, which means that they contracted the disease around eight

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VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE LISTENS intently as health care experts debate Monday in the Smith Center.

Gore attends forum on U.S. health care

by Deborah Solomon

Editor-in-Chief

Vice President Gore advocated alternative forms of health care in order to keep costs down and to provide care to all Americans who want it at the first official meeting of the President's Task Force on Health Care Reform, Monday in the Smith Center.

Gore was among several other key officials from the Clinton administration who attended the 13-hour meeting to hear testimony from 65 experts in the health care field. Representatives from consumer groups, businesses, labor organizations, hospitals and insurance agencies gave three-minute speeches with suggestions on how to best reform the current health care system.

Gore said he may support price controls on the health care industry in order to "sharply curtail" the increases in health care spending. Although many of the groups at the meeting said they support price controls, business and provider groups lashed out against the idea. Business representatives reminded Gore of President Nixon's failure after implementing price controls to contain costs during the 1970s.

Jerry Jasinowski, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, criticized price controls as "an imperfect solution." Robert C.

Winters, chairman of The Business Roundtable, said price controls are "adversarial . . . You won't see a reduction in cost . . . until we've marshaled some sort of cooperative effort to control costs."

No solutions were reached, and the panel discussion demonstrated the diverse and divided opinions experts have on how to reform health care. Some of the ideas Gore said he supports would put an end to inflated prescription drug costs and charging overseas and American consumers the same price for the same drug.

According to an article in the March 30 issue of *The Washington Post*, Clinton has promised to announce his health care package by early May.

Presiding over the meeting with Gore were his wife Tipper Gore, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich, Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, Attorney General Janet Reno, White House health care adviser Ira Magaziner, Council of Economic Advisers Chairman Laura D'Andrea Tyson, National Economic head Robert E. Rubin and Veterans Affairs Secretary Jesse Brown.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was supposed to preside over the meeting, but stayed in Little Rock, Ark., with her ill father.

Admissions benefits from Colonials' wins

Applications rise as a result of NCAA success

by Doug Morris

Hatchet Staff Writer

Yinka Dare is now a hero in Zionsville, Ind. At least that's what two students visiting GW from Indiana told admissions representatives. The students claim their hometown adopted Colonial center Dare as a town hero after the Colonials' received national recognition in the NCAA tournament.

Visitor Center manager Betty Sullivan said those Indiana students and other visitors to GW are showing a substantial interest in the Colonials' success. The GW Admissions Office and Visitor Center phones have been "ringing off the hook" since the Colonials' success in the NCAA tournament, she said.

Sullivan said the basketball team's success has driven greater interest in GW because of the high visibility from the tournament.

"The biggest thing was (the day) after they made the Sweet 16. I expected 20 people and we had 43. And that day the phone did not stop ringing," Sullivan said.

Director of Admissions George Stoner said GW's reputation is rising along with that of the basketball team's. "Even before the basketball wins, we had a significant increase in applications," Stoner said. He reported that GW saw an increase of approximately 1,000 applications from last year, from about 6,000 to 7,000.

The time of the year the NCAA tournament is held may also prove to be positive for GW admissions, Stoner said. He said this is the time when most admitted students decide which school they will attend. The good press coverage GW received during the NCAAAs may push more students to choose GW, he said.

Executive Assistant of Admissions Laura Taddeucci said the recommended filing date for GW's application is Feb. 1, so there was not enough time to file an application after noticing GW's recent national attention.

Taddeucci said an increase in phone calls in the Undergraduate Admissions Office usually occurs this time of year. She added, however, that when people call, they comment on GW basketball. She also said faxes have been received in the Admissions Office bearing messages such as "Go GW!"

Religion Week fails to interest students

by Heather O'Connor

Hatchet Staff Writer

Few students have participated in events celebrating the second annual Religion Week, partly because people are not as involved in religion, Program Board Religion Week Vice Chair Kristen Holtz said.

Holtz blamed part of the low turnout on how mainstream the week's events have been. "It seems as though we are just recycling the same audience for every event," she said. "Some people think religion is just plain boring."

Religion Week, March 25 through April 1, was sponsored by PB and the Board of Chaplains. Some of the week's events were also cosponsored by Hillel, the Ecumenical Christian Ministry, the Newman Catholic Center, Students for Environmental Action, Wimmen's Issues Now, the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Alliance and the Muslim Student Association.

Monday night's "Religious Responses to Homosexuality: A Board of Chaplains Forum," exemplified just how low the turnout was. Twelve students attended the discussion, moderated by Margaret Smith from the

Baptist Student Fellowship. The panel consisted of Protestant Rev. Laureen Smith, Rabbi Gerald Serotta and Catholic priest Robert Keffer, who spoke about their respective religions' stance on homosexuality. A representative from the Muslim faith was unable to attend the panel, Margaret Smith said.

Smith and Serotta emphasized that different denominations of the Jewish and Protestant faiths have different views on homosexuality — from reluctant toleration to celebration. Keffer said discussion about homosexuality is going on at all levels of the Catholic church, but added that it will take a long time for any changes in doctrine to occur.

Other events during Religion Week included a performance of a musical theater interpretation of the Garden of Eden, "Guarding the Garden: An Eco-Feminist Portrayal of Genesis" at the Hillel Jewish Student Center, Miriam's All-Nighter and a Muslim dinner. An Environmental Seder (the traditional Passover dinner) at Hillel and the Monty Python movie "The Life of Brian" shown at Fungler Hall Thursday night will wrap up the week.

On behalf of The Personal Image Institute and the staff of The DOMC we would like to thank Coach Jarvis, his staff, and the Colonials for a season to be remembered. We look forward to cheering you on next year as you win the final four!

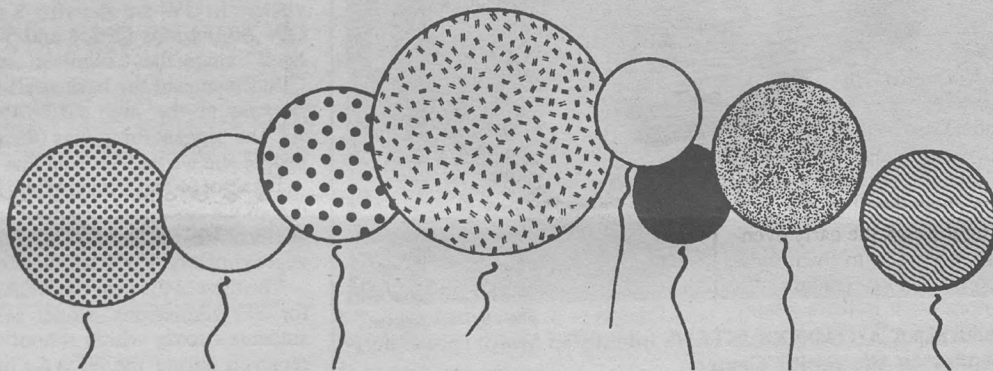
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SA Senate approves women's studies bill

The Student Association Senate passed a bill in support of a women's studies program at GW after changing a clause that originally forced SA President Jon Tarnow to veto it.

Tarnow said although he agreed in principle with the content of the bill, he disagreed with one clause stating that the, "Joint Committee of Faculty and Students strongly support a women's studies program". . . It was presumptuous to say that the JCFS already supported a women's studies program," he said.

The veto was officially announced at Tuesday night's senate meeting. "I suggested that the bill be reworded to affirm our support and to request the JCFS's support of such a bill," Tarnow said.

The author of the original bill, Columbian College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences undergraduate Sen. Shaye Diveley, reintroduced the bill incorporating Tarnow's suggestions. The bill was subsequently approved by the senate.

"We changed the bill to strongly urge the JCFS to support the women's studies program at the University. Since the JCFS produced no documents stating a position, it was my fault (regarding the original bill) that the wording was misleading," Diveley said.

Earlier in the meeting, SA Executive Vice President Jim Arsenault announced the suspensions of Graduate At-Large Sen. Vandna Jerath, School of Education and Human Development Sen. Jennifer Paup, Freshman Sen. Thembi Duncan and graduate At-Large Sen. Andrew Mayoc because of prolonged absence from meetings.

The meeting was the last one scheduled for this academic year.

-Zachary S. Nienus

Program helps foster leadership on campus

The Campus Activities Office will offer the last of a six-program leadership series Friday in which students, faculty and staff will practice effective leadership skills in mock emergency situations.

The last program of the semester-long effort to promote student leadership skills is scheduled to take place at Hemlock Overlook Park in Clifton, Va.

"The program will concentrate on building technical skills vital to be a student leader at GW," said Kay Costenbader, graduate assistant to Community Service Coordinator Peter Konwerski. "It will focus on team development, offering such things as a ropes course,

which fosters working together to get a job done."

One event is a trust fall, in which one person stands on a ledge and falls back into the trustful arms of the group below, Costenbader said. Everyone in the group must also make it over a 10-foot wall, and help those who cannot.

The daylong event, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and lasting through the early evening, ends the program to help new students become future leaders. "It really is capstone — it is for anybody who's in a leadership role or who wants to be," Costenbader said.

-Jennifer Chait

Sen. discusses deficit reduction

by Andrew Tarnoff

Hatchet Reporter

The federal deficit must be handled in a responsible way before it gets out of control, former Sen. Warren Rudman (R-N.H.) said in an address at the National Law Center Wednesday.

Rudman analyzed President Clinton's proposed economic plan and discussed the implications of the increasing gridlock between the "government and the governed."

Rudman estimated the current federal deficit at \$300 billion. Interest payments total an estimated 17 percent of total budget expenditures, Rudman said. If the budget problem continues to be unaddressed, it will total \$550 billion by 1996 and interest payments will account for 25 percent of total federal budget expenditure, Rudman said.

Rudman, who said he left the Senate after 12 years of service because he was not satisfied with the way Congress was handling the deficit program, is now in private law practice, but is still involved in the political process. In conjunction with Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Texas) and Sen. Ernest Hollings (D-S.C.), Rudman, a former New Hampshire attorney general, authored the budget reduction plan — the so-called Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act — that was designed to eliminate the deficit by the 1990s. However, Rudman admitted that he did not focus on the real problem, which included entitlements, interest and defense spending. President Reagan emphasized the discretionary spending side of the budget, which amounts to only an estimated 15 percent of the annual budget, Rudman said. The Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act

was successful in dealing with that aspect, Rudman said, but it did not touch the larger portions of the budget.


Rudman commended President Clinton's economic plan but was apprehensive of Congress's ability to carry it through. He stressed Clinton's plan does not cover health care, which he said will account for 50 percent of the new deficit that will accrue between now and 1996.

Rudman suggested the answer to the deficit drain lies in taxing some Social Security benefits and reforming health care. Rudman advocated some form of rationing similar to a new plan implemented in Oregon, which he said tells Americans, "if they are able, they ought to pay for what they get."

"There is no accountability in Congress," Rudman said, describing a problem that he believes is preventing the nation from alleviating its deficit problem. Rudman said although he does not believe Clinton's plan goes far enough, he is willing to give it a chance because any plan that will reduce the deficit is a step in the right direction.

The deficit problem can be solved without political conflict, Rudman said. If there is fighting, he warned, it will divide political parties between the young and the old, which eventually will not be advantageous. He stressed that the young people of this nation should cry out for their future, and he mentioned that the political activist group Concord Coalition, which he was instrumental in founding, as an organization which does just that.

Rudman warned a failure to clean up this budget mess may produce a right-wing party — which will be long on rhetoric and short on substance — that will stand a real chance in supporting a presidential candidate in 1996.



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Aids

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years ago." She added that the statistics describe teenagers and young adults who probably contracted HIV in their childhood.

The increase in AIDS cases between 1989 and 1991 could be a result of reports of patients who contracted HIV before 1985, when medical facilities began to carefully check blood supplies for the HIV virus, Kennedy said.

Lawrence D'Angelo, chairman of the Department of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine at the Children's National Medical Center at GWUMC, said such statistics of AIDS cases in the 13 to 24-year-old age group refer to "individuals who have acquired the HIV infection and subsequent AIDS as a result of factor component transfusions," namely hemophiliacs who received blood transfusions.

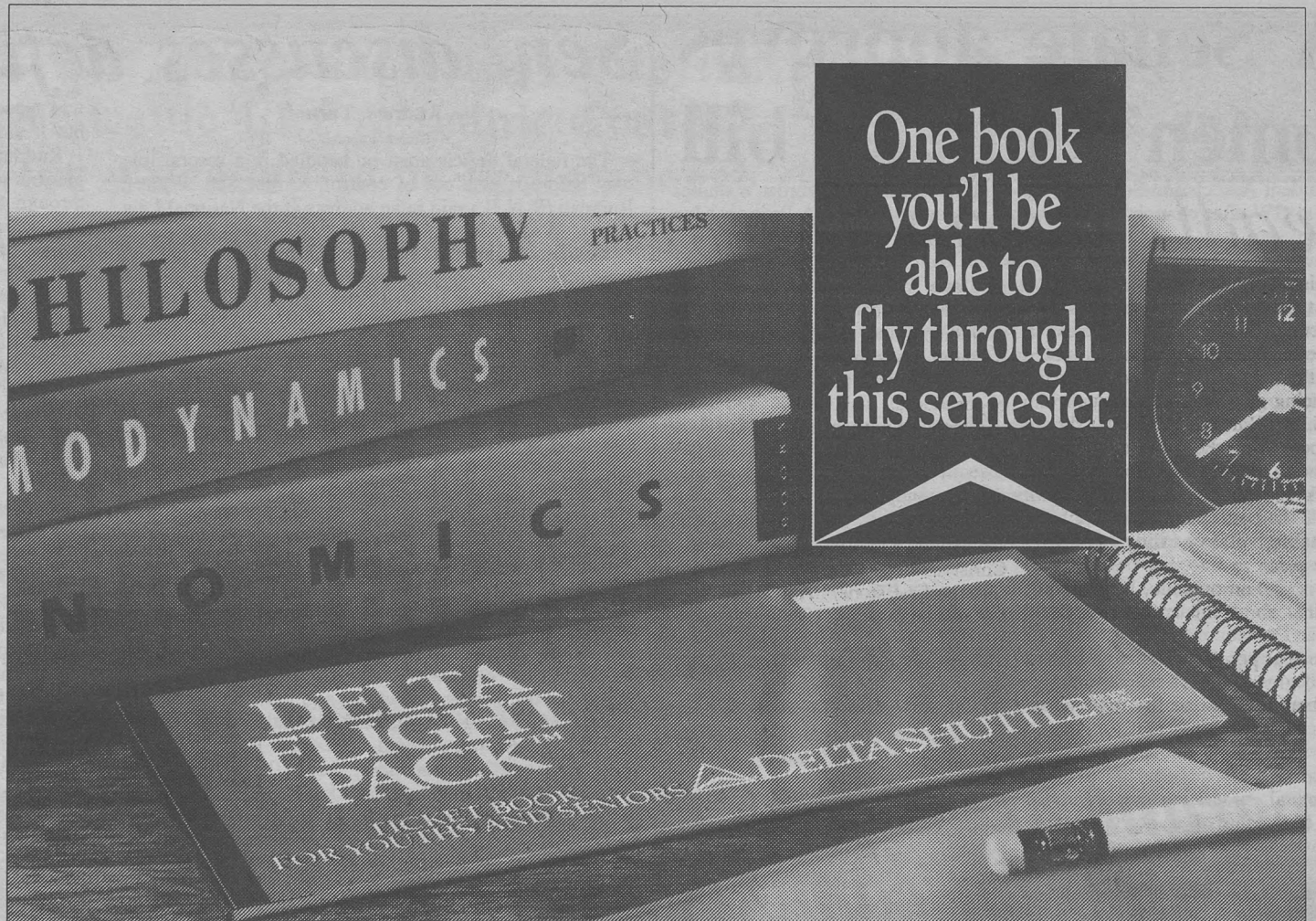
Nevertheless, AIDS cases in patients between 13 and 24 years old have increased since 1989, the 1993 CDC Surveillance report showed.

D'Angelo said he has noted an increase in HIV patients among adolescents. "(More than) 50 percent of new cases are individuals who have acquired HIV and subsequent AIDS from their behavior," as opposed to blood transfusions. In a recent GWUMC study, results showed within a recent five-year period, "there has been an increase in the prevalence of HIV infection in adolescents coming to ambulatory care at the GW Medical School," D'Angelo said. He said the incidents of HIV in the 13 to 21-year-old age group has increased from 0.4 percent to 1.7 percent of such ambulatory care patients and in the 18 to 21-year-old age group, the percentage has gone from 0.3 percent to 2.8 percent.

Kennedy said the 25 to 29-year-old age group is important to look at as well as the 13 to 24-year-olds, because it is this former age group that probably contracted HIV eight to 10 years earlier.

According to the HIV-AIDS Surveillance Report, while the number of AIDS patients between the ages of 13 and 24 was a total of 8,491 reported nationwide, the number of cases in the 25 to 29-year-old age group was 33,503. While the report does not state an increase in the 25 to 29 age group, such statistics point to a definite majority of cases being in the older patients, who probably contracted the disease while in their teens, Kennedy said.

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Deadly misinformation results from prejudice, hatred

In his March 29 letter to The GW Hatchet, David W. Harris, the president of American Students for a Safe Israel, said nothing substantial and wasted more than one quarter of a page denouncing gays and homosexuality in general. Mr. Harris, whose letter should have focused on the subject of gays in the military, begins by denouncing Mr. Pietrzyk and his "denizens of Dupont Circle." Dupont Circle is quite a respectable, classy and culturally diverse place to live, but because Mr. Harris is so homophobic, he wouldn't know that about the area, now would he?

From that point on in his letter Mr. Harris begins to preach hate and prejudice about homosexuality and about gays in general. What really bothered me the most about his "statistics" was the one where he said that "... homosexual practices are a major source of the spread of the AIDS virus and other sexually transmitted diseases." He makes it sound like only gay people are responsible for the spread of this deadly disease. I hate to inform otherwise but unsafe sex, (that is sex without a condom or other like device) whether with a male or female is the major cause of the spread of the AIDS virus, not homosexuality.

I was, in fact, astounded by the amount of hatred and bigotry contained in this letter. How any college student,

let alone one going for a Ph.D. in of all subjects political science, could be this prejudiced and hateful of any other social group is unbelievable. College is supposed to be a place to go to become exposed to all walks of life and to learn to interrelate with them. Mr. Harris must not have had to take any classes dealing with different walks of life on his way to getting his Ph.D.

Although I do not hold much faith in the Bible, I believe that even Jesus Christ said, "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone." And it is obvious that no one, especially someone like Mr. Harris, who is so obviously blinded by hate and prejudice should be lining up to throw any stones at anybody. I am also sure that God, if indeed there is one, would condemn prejudice and hate much faster than he would love, even if it is with someone of the same sex.

Mr. Harris repeatedly repeats the same hateful ignorant sentences over and over again commenting on homosexuals, "... putting their penises and tongues in places where the nature quite obviously did not intend that these organs should go," and failing to realize that when two people make love (whether gay or straight), it is because both of them have agreed to it and neither one is being forced to do anything that person doesn't want to. What also really bothered me was that

Mr. Harris seemed to think that homosexuality is a continuous orgy. It isn't and homosexuals have long lasting relationships filled with love and respect just like heterosexuals.

Mr. Harris, homosexuals are not "nut cases" ... so blinded by their obsession with bizarre pleasures of penis and tongue that they blissfully ignore the health risks that their conduct is imposing on others, as well as on themselves."

William M. Kinnik II

As was previously stated, or as any doctor would say, AIDS is spread by not using a condom, period. Heterosexuals run the same risk of contracting the AIDS virus as homosexuals if they don't wear a condom when having sex.

As for Mr. Harris' comments that unnatural sexual practices are destructive of the Judeo-Christian values that promote the sanctity of the family, the

same could be said for single-parent families, spouse beating, and any heterosexual sex before marriage. The Bible, like any book, is open to a wide spectrum of interpretations. Mr. Harris uses some of the quotes of the Bible, as do many other prejudiced and ignorant people, to condemn homosexuality. I don't believe God would ever overlook any member of his creation just because of whom they chose to love.

Mr. Harris, obviously realizing at the end of his article, an article that was supposed to focus on gays in the military, has said nothing about gays in the military. Mr. Harris tries to make up for this obvious lack of real substance by briefly, in the same fashion that his article had previously dictated, giving his prejudiced, ignorant opinion on the subject of gays in the military. Mr. Harris fails to realize that there are already gays in the military, and that if they were allowed to announce themselves without fear of penalty, it's not like they'd be going on duty in full drag. Everyone in the military lives by a code of honor and a code of ethics, both of which would still be upheld to the death regardless of the sexual preferences of those upholding them.

The article by Mr. Harris, as a whole, has been nothing but an abusive, hypocritical piece of trashy pulp written by someone who obviously knows very

little of the gay lifestyle, but yet thinks that he knows a lot. I am sickened by Mr. Harris' vitriolic commentary throughout his article and am convinced that he needs to seek some sort of therapy for this intense homophobia or at the very least attend the new ESTS course entitled, "Human Sexuality," so that maybe he can at the least find out some real truth regarding homosexuals to replace the false beliefs he has now.

The article's true purpose has very little to do with gays in the military and seems to be just a sad attempt to try to influence those who also are ignorant of the gay lifestyle to be fearful and abusive of it. This article is so poorly researched that it is pathetic and written with such a pronounced slant that it didn't even lie flat in the trash when it was thrown there. I am amazed that the Hatchet even printed Mr. Harris' article.

This article does little more than reaffirm what a friend of mine once said to me, "There is an amazing double standard on this campus, it is looked down upon if someone is found to discriminate or be a racist, but in the same breath here at GW, it is looked down upon just as much if someone is gay!"

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Colonials have arrived with big bucks following closely

Last weekend, when I walked out of Larry's bar in Seattle, I noticed some Michigan fans flushed with their recent victory over our GW Colonials. One of them noticed my ever-present GW sweatshirt, cackled and commented, "It doesn't matter. GW basketball doesn't matter." While certainly I would not take the ramblings of this drunken Wolverine fan to heart, he does raise an interesting question — does all this Colonial hoopla really matter? Yes, a thousand times, yes it does.

Colonial basketball, both men's and women's, matters. It matters to our fans, to our students — past, present, and future — and to our University as an institution. The day of GW's big game against Michigan at the Seattle Kingdome broke a basketball attendance record. Many of those 25,000 people were cheering for our team. When we were outside distributing T-Shirts, foam hatchets, and pompons, people were running through parking lots to get to our GW stuff. They wanted something, anything, anything that had "GW" on it. GW hats were the first sold out at the arena; people stopped us on the street, even after the game, to beg us for GW stuff — Cinderella was never this popular. The University's efforts to get Washington staters to root for their namesake University clearly worked, Husky fans quickly became Colonial boosters. This outpouring of Colonial spirit would warm the heart of even the most die-hard GW fan (Seeing Temple and Vanderbilt fans cheer for GW is a sight not quickly forgotten.)

But does this short-term enthusiasm benefit the students of GW? Surely. Alumni from both coasts trekked out to Seattle, or just to their local sports bar, to see the team. After 32 years, the Colo-

nials had reached a new level of play, and graduates wanted to be a part of that. Greater alumni involvement with GW can be found as Colonials-mania spreads across the country. (Two such alumni, Doug Winkler and Rob Kravitz, joined our band of current students, to shout down many a Wolverine fan!) This interaction between present and past GW students bodes well for our University — especially as we approach the 175th Anniversary of GW's founding.

Bill Baroni

Current students benefit in many ways from the success of our basketball programs. Obviously, it is nice to be a winner. In and of itself that is enough to make four years worthwhile. But we gain so much more. From the expanded sales of official GW memorabilia, the University's scholarship funds increase, benefiting countless of us that depend of financial aid to help finance our education. As a student body, we benefit from the unifying nature of mutual fanaticism. Our campus has seen enough division — if the Colonials can bring our campus a little closer, or much closer, they have done us a wonderful service. What else on campus can bring together administrators, students, faculty members, staff and Foggy Bottom neighbors to cheer together, not yell at each other? Only GW's men's and women's sports programs have such a broad reach off campus and into our city, that can bring GW further into

our community. And we all gain from that.

We students of today benefit because of the benefits to students of the future. Millions of college bound students saw GW plastered all over every newspaper and sports TV show for two weeks. This free, positive publicity gives our University further help in bringing the best and the brightest students to Foggy Bottom. We all stand to benefit from continued academic excellence — our degrees gain in value as GW moves to its rightful place among the top Universities in the nation. Success breeds success — and GW flourishes. The commitment President Trachtenberg has made to our athletic program is making all aspects of student life better.

Certainly future GW students benefit from this commitment. They are arriving at a campus with a growing and thriving school spirit — students, more and more, are coming to GW as their first choice, and with the great expectation of life on campus, not just in Washington. This cannot be underestimated in terms of students choosing a University. As a campus tour guide, I have been asked by hundreds of visitors about our school spirit. Now it comes from everywhere, and the guests are noticing. Future students are coming to a school with strong academics, a vibrant student life, all in addition to a great location. What President Trachtenberg, Vice President Chernak, Mike Jarvis, and Joe McKeown have done is complete the package of collegiate experience. And we all benefit from that.

Now I do not mean to argue that Sweet 16 and NWIT births somehow makes GW complete its ascension to

national prominence. But our teams have brought our campus closer together, brought us more school spirit, brought GW a national reputation, and made us all proud.

When George Washington passed away, in his will he left stock shares to found a National University in the new nation's capital. He foresaw a school with national prominence in every area of University life. Today we have GW memorabilia sold at sporting goods stores, professors on national television, and fans screaming their hearts out on CBS Sports. Our namesake would be proud of what we have accomplished with his original investment. But we also have something to be proud of: The men and women of GW's basketball programs who DO go to class, DO struggle with midterms, papers, finals like we do, spend as much time worrying about what we will do after GW, whether that be the NBA or Capitol Hill or business. In short, we are able to be

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As we fans try to survive the arid basketball-less coming months in between baseball games and crew regattas, let's not forget what these two teams have given us in the last few months — something to cheer for, something to rise and fall and rise again with, something to believe in.

God only knows what the future holds for GW basketball. But for a brief shining moment in Seattle as Michigan tried to catch up with us, we knew one vital and heartening fact ... We have arrived.

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IMPRESSIONS

Musicians vie for title of eclectic

by Lee D. Hoffman

Once again, Robyn Hitchcock has managed to take his special blend of insanity and transform it into a musical experience that will leave Hitchcock fans and newcomers clamoring for more. On his latest effort, *Respect*, Hitchcock once again creates a musical spectacle worthy of listening to repeatedly.

Respect features Hitchcock backed by a solid duo of musicians who have called themselves the Egyptians. Andy Metcalfe joins in predominantly on bass and Morris Windsor assists with the percussion duties.

Through the magic of modern production techniques, the trio is able to produce a wall of sound that makes it appear as though a much larger group has been assembled to perform the album. The sounds produced are a tribute not only to the musicianship of the artists but to Hitchcock's excellence at orchestration as well.

Respect covers a wide variety of musical styles. Hitchcock is not above using some of the technology available to musicians nowadays, and does so very well on the opening cut, "The Yip Song." "Arms of Love" also delves fairly deep into the realm of techno music to achieve an epic sound.

Hitchcock is capable of more tradi-

tional sounding, acoustic-based music as well. "Railway Shoes" and "When I Was Dead" are fairly standard sounding numbers in which his nasal, accented voice may sound a bit strained. However, any of that strain is more than made up for in the next two tracks, arguably the album's best. "The Wreck of the Arthur Lee" is a melancholy tune that again features strings as well as the soulful whine of trumpeter Roddy Lorrimer. The result is a moving piece, far more suited to Hitchcock's vocals.

New-comer Chris Harford is waiting to fill Hitchcock's formidable shoes of eclecticism. He has proven with his first album *Be Headed* that he can be every bit as eclectic as Hitchcock. On *Be Headed*, Harford has managed to balance folk, jazz, country and even rock and roll together to form a bizzare-sounding disc that shows that paying your dues before recording an album is sometimes worth the effort. It took several years to make, but *Be Headed* was well worth the wait.

Unlike Hitchcock's ever-present duo to assist on *Respect*, Harford has chosen to rely on "a loose consortium of musicians" he has dubbed the First Rays of the New Rising Sun. The band gets its name from the album Jimi Hendrix was Harford. All he has to do is tap whichever source he desires.

And tapping sources Harford is something does well. He begins *Be Headed* with a bang in the opening cut, "Raise the Roof," a rapidly-paced number featuring heavy guitar chords and pounding drums which forces the listener to bob his head up and down in time with the music. Harford slows the pace down a bit with "Unsaid Things" a mid-tempo acoustic number, in which, Harford proves that there is depth in his lyrics as well as his music.

From then on, the album is an absolute mixture, one is never sure where it will lead next. Harford alters his vocals considerably. One never knows whether he's going to sound like Elvis Costello or Bruce Springsteen, though he does emulate both artists quite well. The most impressive aspect of *Be Headed* isn't Harford's vocals, it is his ability to blend diverse musical styles not only on the same album, but in the same song.

Harford's most impressive combination comes on "Swinging Bridge," a cut where solid, crunching guitars meet country and western. "Bridge" opens with Hendrix-esque feedback issuing from a wailing guitar. However, it isn't too long until that feedback-laden guitar is joined by a pedal steel guitar and a banjo. Though such a combination is unheard of, somehow, Harford makes the song, and the entire disc, work.



A discussion on a grassy knoll

Summer springs to life in production at Arena

by Maren Feltz

Fans of dramas know Tennessee Williams primarily for his hit plays, "Streetcar Named Desire" and "The Glass Menagerie," but a revival of one of his less well-known works, "Summer and Smoke" is what's heating things up at the Arena Stage this spring.

"Summer and Smoke" is not as rambunctious an endeavor as the romping musical productions that appear at the Arena, but don't be deceived. "Summer and Smoke" is uniquely charged with sexual energy, squashed passions, and stifling rules of etiquette. Leading lady Pamela Nyberg powers the show as the sexually-repressed minister's daughter, Alma Winemiller. Miss Alma has spent almost 30 years beating back her desires, especially those aroused by her neighbor, young Dr. John Buchanan, played by Casey Biggs.

Biggs and Nyberg make a formidable pair, and technically, they're perfect. They present consistent and convincing Mississippi accents. Nyberg typifies the energy of the play in her portrayal of Alma — her shaking hands and nervous laughter betray an explosiveness just barely held in check.

The conflict of the drama is that Miss Alma and Dr. John have an irresistible, impossible attraction. Alma is too pure for the wild, loose doctor, who credits her with rescuing him from his waywardness. However, just as he is completely reformed and rehabilitated, Miss Alma is finally prepared to surrender her purity to him.

"We've all experienced that loving of a human being you can't have," Nyberg said in a question and answer session following the show last weekend. Though Dr. John has admired Miss Alma from a distance, he instead satisfied himself with girlfriends like the saucy Rosa Gonzales, whose father owns Moon Lake Casino. Alma Arenal plays a sexy, sultry Rosa.

Miss Alma, on the other hand, has had eyes only for the young doctor, falling blindly in love with the man, who staggers home drunk to his father's house every night while she watches from her living room window.

Fortunately, Arena's resident acting company doesn't pass up an opportunity to lighten the mood. "I always knew this was a funny play," Nyberg says. "You know that you don't play for the laugh but life is just full of this kind of stuff, and it's funny."

Tana Hicken provides some of those opportunities for comic relief. She plays crazy Mrs. Winemiller, Alma's mother and the pastor's wife. Mrs. Winemiller has reverted entirely to childhood as a way to escape reality, and her antics drive Alma and her father near crazy themselves.

Nyberg also incorporates a good deal of humor into her character Alma. The end result is that the cast of "Summer and Smoke" has relieved its audience of a heavy, burdensome play by developing the humor that occurs naturally in the script.

Nyberg, Biggs and other cast members say director Kyle Donnelly gave the cast a lot of freedom in the staging of the show. A stream banked by real grass runs from a fountain in one corner of the stage to the diagonal corner. The stream occasionally forces slightly awkward staging, but the set provides just the needed amount of atmosphere, right down to the details of wind moving through the Spanish moss which hangs from the ceiling. Set Designer Marina Draghici does not fall short of Arena's reputation for quality and creative sets.

"Summer and Smoke" often struggles when it finally finds its way to the stage, but Arena has created a version well worth seeing.

Point of No Return fails to copy the style of original, only the plot

by Tracy Y. Scottel

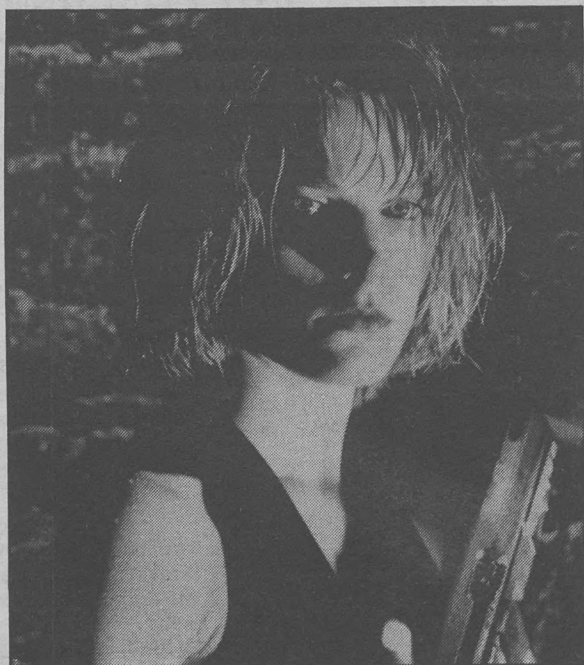
"You can never go home again" seems to be the dominant theme that runs throughout John Badham's *Point of No Return*. Misidentified as an adaptation of French director Luc Besson's *Nikita* (released in the United States as *La Femme Nikita*), *Point of No Return* is a bloody ripoff. It is an alternate universe's rendition of the same exact film, except this time it is set in the United States (filmed in Washington, D.C., and Venice Beach, Calif.) using primarily American actors.

After killing a cop during a raid on her friend's parents' drugstore, addict Maggie (Bridget Fonda) is given a choice. She could either die by lethal injection — though just which judicial body pronounced this sentence remains a mystery because the District of Columbia does not have the death penalty — or she can become a government sanctioned killing machine. Needless to say, Maggie chooses the latter and undergoes a huge metamorphosis to become Claudia, the "beautiful" and cultured secret agent.

Fonda's portrayal of Maggie requires that the imagination be stretched the least. Though her acting is forced and melodramatic, ugliness does suit Fonda and in this situation, it can be said that her role is well cast.

Her transformation from the brutally ugly, drug-addicted outcast to the socially acceptable Barbie doll is far too uncomfortable to watch. As Claudia, again her acting is wanting: Stilted and staged, it is reminiscent of a Stepford Wife on Quaaludes. Save for her prissy flip-up-on-the-ends hairdo, she is Nikita. Her halter mini-dress, her black stockings, her four-inch pumps are all Nikita's. Hell, even her gun is the same. There isn't an original thing about this film; its only redeeming qualities are the Nina Simone tunes on the soundtrack and the memories of *La Femme Nikita* that this sorry portrayal evokes in the viewer.

The repercussions of Maggie's choice to shed her identity and live and breathe as Claudia are seen throughout the film. The fact that she can never see her mother again, the web of lies she must weave to keep her identity secret smack of the



Bridget Fonda—Assassin

"you can't go home again" theme. Claudia can't revert to the familiarity of the life she knew as Maggie and must live with her choices.

Similarly, the viewer is haunted by that all too familiar theme as well. The viewer simply cannot substitute this poorly acted recreation for the vibrancy and entertainment of the original.

In a nutshell, *Point of No Return* is a film about choices: Maggie's choice to become a secret agent and the viewer's to attend this wanna be film. In the end, Maggie wonders if she has gotten in too deep. Faced with the same question, for the viewer, the answer is a lot more obvious.

SPORTS

The Hot Corner Yakety yak, talk back

Temple men's basketball coach John Chaney and Washington Post columnist Michael Wilbon don't like the fact that Michigan, or any other basketball team, talks while it plays. Great guys, what do you want us to do next, stop breathing?

Wilbon laments this as the sign of the times. Deion Sanders, Bo Jackson and Chris Webber: the flash and the cash in all of them. All three talk with the best of them, but they're certainly not the only ones in the game.

That last word is important because at least at the college level, that's what it is. A game. Yes, you two coach and write, but basically you make a living off of these kids. It's hard to imagine Chris Webber as a kid, but he is. Let the group have fun before they make their living out in the NBA. As much as Michigan could, should or would be a pro team, they haven't made the jump yet.

But they're not the only ones in the game who do this. A vast majority of players talk trash these days. Styles evolve, things change. If we didn't have things progress, then basketball would be kept to 11 white guys, not allowed to dribble, shooting at a peach basket. Accept change guys or watch things pass you by.

While we're on the subject, why does everyone have harsh words for the Fab Five? I say this with genuine curiosity. Everybody expects Michigan to win every game by 20 and when they don't, they get on the Wolverines' behinds. I've seen this on a firsthand basis. Sitting in the media interview room before anyone came in, I heard Detroit reporters ripping the hell out of their play.

Guys: A win is a win is a win. Yeah, Michigan beat UCLA by two, then GW by eight and Temple by seven. All are small margins, but all those teams are different. They keep on winning, but everyone still asks if they're choking. Hell, watch the basketball game. They've won.

The sad part is this treatment seems exclusive to Michigan. For example, take the North Carolina — Cincinnati game. If it were Michigan who missed that dunk at the end, and still went on to win in overtime, I bet you my total salary here at the Hatchet (and it's not that much) that Michigan would get trashed more in the press than North Carolina did. And they still won the game.

Do I dare say it's because the Fab Five is black? Yes, that probably has a big part in it. But also it's probably because no one respects their coach, Steve Fisher. However, Fisher has won as many championships as Dean Smith, as he went to the final last season.

I can't get past one remark from my friend, Jason. He said, "I hope Michigan hurries up and wins, so they can jump to the pros and have fun." It's pretty awful when working for a living is more fun than college, even when it comes to playing a game. But in the Fab Five's case, I have to agree.

-Vince Tuss

Pitching becomes downfall for GW baseball

Losing streak continues against W.Va., Richmond as injured hurlers on staff increase

by Vince Tuss
Sports Editor

The GW baseball team lost its two games this week, falling 7-2 to the University of Richmond Wednesday in Richmond, Va., and losing by 14 points, 19-5, versus West Virginia Monday at Barcroft Park.

Pitching has played a big factor in both losses and GW baseball coach Jay Murphy wonders what the problem is, since pitching was supposed to be one of the team's strengths this season.

"Obviously, we're not throwing enough strikes, but we have players on this team who are capable of doing it," Murphy said. "It's one of two things: either a lack of confidence on the mound or just a general inability to throw them (the pitches). Whether its mental or physical, it's adding up to hurt the team."

The Colonials (5-11 overall, 0-5 in the Atlantic 10 Conference) are behind schedule as well with its returning staff's recovery from injuries. Along with Matt Aminoff, Bill Hightower is hurt as he injured his arm Monday against West Virginia. Murphy said he isn't optimistic on the chances of Hightower returning this season.

Along with them, Bill Anderson and Rich Rosenberger are still behind in their recovery. With Jeff Peterson and Dennis Healy "struggling," as Murphy

said, that leaves only Scott Linder of GW's top six pitchers who's having effective outings on the mound.

Richmond 7, GW 2

Starter Butch Ware could not get a batter out in the first inning as the Spiders scored three early runs on their way to a 7-2 win Wednesday.

On the afternoon, GW pitchers walked nine batters, hit one and had two of the team's three errors. Ware had his problems as he walked the first two batters of the game and then gave up a double to left fielder Jeff Dausch to score one and put shortstop Jeff Dorman on third. Ware then walked the next two batters to score two more.

BASEBALL - UR 7, GW 2									
GW	AB	R	H	ER	BB	K	IP	H	R
WARE, 2B	4	0	0	0	0	0	2.0	4	2
PITTSINGER, 3B	4	0	0	0	0	0	2.0	4	2
PATTON, SS	3	1	1	0	0	0	1.0	3	1
BROWNING, C	4	1	1	0	0	0	1.0	4	1
SHARP, 1B	4	0	2	1	0	0	1.0	4	0
FERGUSON, DH	3	0	0	1	0	0	1.0	3	0
MARTIN, LF	3	0	0	0	0	0	1.0	3	0
URDA, PH	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	1	0
HAMILTON, RF	3	0	0	0	0	0	1.0	3	0
CAHILL, CF	3	0	1	0	0	0	1.0	3	0
UR	AB	R	H	ER	BB	K	IP	H	R
BUDZINSKI, CF	4	2	1	2	0	0	2.0	4	2
DORMAN, SS	4	1	2	0	0	0	2.0	4	1
DAUSCH, LF	3	1	1	1	0	0	1.0	3	1
CAREY, 1B	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	1	0
DORMAN, CF	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	1	0
McNAMARA, 3B	4	0	1	1	0	0	1.0	4	0
WALTON, 3B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
FOSTER, DH	4	0	0	0	0	0	1.0	4	0
PELA, C	3	1	2	1	0	0	1.0	3	1
SCIORRA, RF	4	1	1	0	0	0	1.0	4	1
MILLIKEN, 2B	2	1	0	1	0	0	1.0	2	1
TOBER, PH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
KLAUS, 2B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0

GW	0	0	0	0	2	5	3
UR	3	0	3	1	0	7	8
DP - GW 1, UR 0; LG - GW 5, UR 10; 2B: DORMAN, DAUSCH.							

GW	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
WARE L	0	1	3	3	4	0
KOENIG	3	4	3	2	1	0
CLARK	2	2	1	1	1	1
MORELLO	3	0	0	0	3	1

RICHMOND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
MAINE W	8	5	2	2	1	8
SZARKO	1	0	0	0	0	0

GW got both of their runs in the sixth after Richmond already scored seven. With one out, Greg Patton drew a walk and Allen Browning singled. Scott Sharp followed with a double to score one and Will Ferguson's sac fly scored another. But by then, it was too late for the Colonials to score as Richmond starter Dalton Maine allowed just five hits and a walk with eight strikeouts over eight innings.

WVU 19, GW 5

The Colonials should have left Saturday's rainout unplayed as West Virginia rocked its pitching for six runs in each of the sixth and seventh innings to trounce GW 19-5 Monday at Barcroft Park.

The final toll was particularly brutal. With 19 runs, 16 of them earned, West Virginia amassed 17 hits and GW had four errors.

WVU catcher Brett Caruso and first baseman Mark Landers led the Mountaineers' charge with two home runs apiece, accounting altogether for 11 runs. Shortstop Gerry Slavin added a single homer as well.

The Colonials hurlers carried the brunt of the burden. Jeff Peterson started and gave up six runs in four and a third innings, but compared to Steve Miller, he was relatively untouched. Miller faced five batters and gave up six, including dingers to Slavin and Landers in the seventh.

GW's offensive performance wouldn't have been that bad and after four innings, the game was tied at three. Five singles in the fourth scored first baseman Ed McCarthy and third baseman Scott Sharp, but the Colonials stranded runners at second and third. On the game, GW left 10 runners on base.

On Deck — Massachusetts comes down to Washington, playing a double-header at Barcroft Saturday starting at 1 p.m. and a single game Sunday starting at noon.

BASEBALL - WVU 19, GW 5

GW	AB	R	H	ER	BB	K
PITTSINGER, 2B	1	1	1	1	0	0
WALSH, 2B	1	0	1	0	0	0
ALEFANTIS, CF	3	0	1	0	0	0
CAHILL, CF	1	0	0	0	0	0
PATTON, SS	3	0	0	0	0	0
BROWNING, RF	4	0	1	1	0	0
FERGUSON, C	4	0	0	0	0	0
KUGMAN, PH	0	0	0	1	0	0
McARTHUR, 1B	5	1	2	0	0	0
SHARP, 3B	4	1	2	0	0	0
URDA, LF	3	0	0	0	0	0
HAMILTON, LF	1	1	0	0	0	0
HUBAN, DH	3	0	1	0	0	0
MILLSAPPS, DH	1	1	1	2	0	0
WVU	AB	R	H	ER	BB	K
SLAVIN, SS	6	4	2	1	0	0
BRIDGES, 3B	5	4	4	3	0	0
SALIN, 1B	4	2	1	1	0	0
CARUSO, C	4	3	3	5	0	0
SATCHO, C	1	0	0	0	0	0
TENNANT, LF	3	0	0	0	0	0
RANDALL, LF	1	0	0	0	0	0
PAVELKO, 2B	3	0	1	2	0	0
BOGGS, 2B	1	0	0	0	0	0

WVU	1	1	0	1	3	6	1	0	19	17	0
GW	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	5	9	4
DP - GW 1, WVU 3; LG - GW 10, WVU 8; 2B: HELSEL; HR: SLAVIN, LANDERS 2, CARUSO 2, MILLSAPPS; SB: HELSEL.											

WEST VIRGINIA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
LODEGE W	7	7	3	3	7	8
MARZ	2	3	2	2	1	1

GW	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
PETERSON L	4.3	5	6	5	4	2
KOENIG	1	3	3	2	1	0
MARTIN	0.7	2	3	2	0	1
MILLER	0	5	6	6	2	0
HIGHTOWER	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLARK	3	2	1	1	0	2

Mitchell swims ahead to goal of NCAA meet

by Deanna Reiter
Asst. Sports Editor

Freestyle swimmer Meghan Mitchell has had an outstanding season competing for GW's swim team. She crushed five individual school records and was in three record-breaking relays. Mitchell remained undefeated in all her freestyle events this season.

And the beauty of it — she is only a sophomore.

"What takes some people four years (to accomplish) it takes Meghan one day . . . As a freshman, she set all the school records in her freestyle events. It was tough for her to top that this year, but she did," GW head coach Bob Hassett said.

Meghan has set individual school records in the 100-, 200-, 500-, 1000- and 1,650-yard freestyle events. She has also left her mark in the 500- and 1,650-yard freestyle events for the Atlantic 10 Conference. With help from her teammates, Mitchell has been a part of three record-breaking GW relays — the 4 x 100-yard freestyle relay, 4 x 100-yard medley relay and 4 x 200-yard freestyle relay.

Despite her talent in swimming, Mitchell was first involved in gymnastics. Her neighbor had a swimming pool, and when she wasn't in the gym, she swam laps. "I always knew how to swim and one summer I joined a neighborhood swimming club," she remembers.

That was just the beginning and she has since been hitting the water competitively for seven and a half years.

Mitchell, a sociology major, was recruited from Bellevue High School in West Virginia and had the choice between GW and Syracuse University. "Something just clicked with the people here. I really liked D.C.," she said.

While still in high school, she competed in Junior Nationals and the USSA team. She traveled to Canada and throughout the West Coast, and gained a lot of experience that she would not have gotten in high school meets, she said.

Mitchell's small frame (5-3) is considered to be a disadvantage in her swimming. "When diving in she is almost a half lane behind everyone. She has to catch up to her competitors. She outswims them by guts alone," Hassett said.

"It mentally psyches people out when they see me," she said of competitors. "But once I beat them, it gives me a mental edge."

Mitchell said her greatest accomplishments with swimming have been winning in the Eastern Collegiate Association Championship (ECAC) meet for two consecutive years and setting records in her events.

A big disappointment for her this season was when she missed individually qualifying for the NCAA Swimming Championships by .060 seconds at the ECAC. "I thought I had made it at first . . . It's not really a big deal. I still have two more years left," she said.

This summer, Mitchell plans to swim about four times every week for two or three hour practices. She also plans a cross-country bicycle trip from Seattle to Colorado with her friends.

Next year, she will be put into some shorter freestyle events and will compete in the 200-yard butterfly. Mitchell will also be pushed by new distance recruits that the coaches hope to get. The team's potential move to a new conference will also provide tougher challenges for her. "She will not be tired of her accomplishments, but

Sports Briefs

The GW men's soccer keeps plugging away in the spring mud, winning two games Saturday at a tournament at the U.S. Naval Academy.

The Colonials beat Navy 3-1 with Steven Masten scoring two goals and Marcello Valencia adding one, all in the second half. The squad then downed the University of Maryland 1-0, with Matt Nesbitt getting the only score of the game.

GW plays again Friday at 4 p.m. in Fairfax, Va., against the British Royal Air Force, then goes to Charlottesville, Va., to play the University of Virginia, the 1992 NCAA champions, Sunday at 4 p.m.

GW women's tennis sophomores Lisa Shafran and Karina Ramirez jumped into the listing of the top 75 college singles players in the nation this week, taking the highest ranking ever achieved by any Colonial Women.

will have greater levels to achieve. She will not plateau. We will keep challenging her," assistant coach John Flanagan said.

Mitchell has set goals for herself to swim in the NCAA swimming championships and compete in Senior Nationals. Both her coaches said this is a definite possibility for her.

"She's a workhorse. Anything she does, she does hard. She never misses a

In the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Rankings, Shafran was ranked 46th while Ramirez earned the 54th spot. The highest previous rankings for GW players was 73rd for Shafran at the end of last season.

The GW men's and women's swimming and diving teams were ranked nationally among Division I programs for their fall Grade Point Averages. The Colonials were the No. 2 squad in the nation with a GPA of 3.056. Rice University was the only school ahead of GW.

The women were ranked sixth overall in the nation, despite a higher combined GPA of 3.138.

The men's and women's teams each had 14 athletes on the dean's list this fall. They were also successful in the pool, earning an outstanding record of 9-1 for the men and the women ended the season 7-3.

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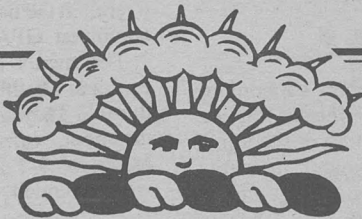
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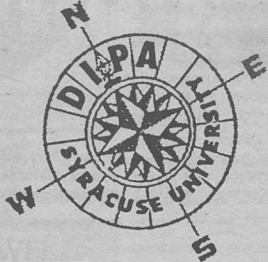
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"The president is in his pen, licking his wounds right now," a Stupid Association spokesperson said, explaining the even higher levels of inactivity at the SA.

According to a University spokesperson, GW President Stevey Ray Trachtengerg has taken up transcendental meditation, so no University news can be expected until he comes back down from the ceiling.

Only one item of news in the GW community was considered worth reporting. Anthropology professor Mort Windbreaker has made the remarkable discovery that the earliest humans began to walk on two legs in order to free their hands for masturbation. Professor Windbreaker was "in the office with a bunch of scientific journals" and therefore unavailable for comment, his assistant said.

New veep

GW has filled the vacant vice president for medical affairs position with master craftsman Bob Vila. Vila is slated to begin his term April 1.

"Well, we figured he makes those old houses look so good, we'll just give him a hammer, nails, a saw and a ratchet and have him do some renovations and maybe some surgery," University King Stephen "Boss Hog" Trachtengerg said.

"I've been a handyman all my life," Vila quipped. "I just hope I can put these hands to use as well as former hospital

administrator Cecil Jacobson," he added.

Close call

A very big icicle plunged from the roof of Francis Scott Key dormitory, piercing the thin-skinned roof of the building's mail distribution center, startling two co-eds engaged in a satanic ritual.

Damien Omen and Rosemary Baby, both FSK residents, said they were slicing the ceremonial bologna during their weekly Satan's Bible meeting when the icicle crashed through the ceiling and landed on their sacrificial Tonka dump-truck. "It was bigger than a human at its largest," Omen told the GW Switch-It.

"We're glad no one from our crack investigative team was injured during the expose," *Blindsider* magazine Grand Iguana Dwayne Wayne said.

Condoms recovered

University Puh-lease concluded its investigation this week of the Thrustin' Hall condom caper. UP apprehended popular political science professor Michael Sowed R. Oats in room 813, allegedly he was "up to his ears" in condoms, UP Assistant Acting Interim Associate Deputy Constable Dolorass Stafford Loan said.

"We thought he was on sabbatical this semester," political science guru Leif Siegfried said. "We gave him a \$100,000 to do institutional research . . . and we find him swiping condoms and shacking up with freshmen."

"What he did is a crime, but we're just happy to have the condoms back," Stafford Loan said. "Now we can go back to promoting safe sex and plenty of it once again."

Sowed R. Oats will face University and criminal sanctions.

Cagers take on toughest foes yet

by Urinalysis S. Grant

Switch-It Third Base Coach

The Spliff Center was filled to capacity Tuesday night as the GW Corrosionals returned to play their last game of the season — an exhibition match against the White House Task Force on National Health Care Reform.

The Task Force Snaildarters were forced to play without their senior forward, Hillary Rodham Clinton. The 8-foot-4 Al Gore (pronounced "gor-RAY") took her place but the Darters were clearly at a disadvantage without her lucky headband.

The first half belonged entirely to the Corrosionals as the Darters used the unorthodox tactic of sitting around a table and questioning a panel of expert coaches before attempting to make any play. A 30-0 run by the Corrosionals was given an extra twist when Darter guard, Donna

Shalalalalala injured herself running into a C-SPAN camera.

It was Task Force forward Lloyd Bentsen who turned the game around for the Darters. Called off the bench by head coach Alan Greenspan at the 20th minute, Bentsen took a break from signing dollar bills, walked slowly onto the court and immediately had his Secret Service detail arrest everyone who came near him.

This move completely changed the Snaildarters' luck, as Tipper Gore, known as the "Slam Dunk Menace" came down on the Corrosionals like a ton of bricks, scoring 112 points during the rest of the game and plastering the backboard with "Parental Advisory" stickers.

"Let's face it," Coach Greenspan said at the end of the game, "when you have a \$36 billion advantage, you're in a different league."

Pillsbury doughboy or SA prez?

Company files suit over mascot

by Mr. Spiffy

The Second Coming

The Pillsbury Corporation, makers of food substitute products, have announced they will sue the GW Student Association for the unauthorized use of their mascot.

Pillsbury spokesperson Abraham Yeastinfection said the legal action follows the discovery of pictures of SA President Jon Tarnow in news stories concerning the SA.

"Clearly, anyone who looks at Tarnow is going to mistake him for our

doughboy, and assume that the SA is somehow associated with Pillsbury," Yeastinfection said.

Tarnow was unavailable for comment. "He's in his office giggling in a cute, high pitched, bubbly kind of way," an SA spokesperson said.

SA vice president for public affairs, Craig Jeffrey Eshelmann dismissed the Pillsbury action as "pants-wettingly terrifying."

"Of course we haven't stolen the Pillsbury mascot. Their doughboy takes off his tie occasionally. Have you ever

seen Tarnow do that?" Eshelmann said. Pillsbury's attorneys cited reports of confused consumers attempting to scrape cookie dough out of the lining of Tarnow's jacket, and one attempt to raise the temperature in the SA office to 350 degrees for twenty minutes or until golden brown.

In unrelated news, Tarnow was in Hollywood Monday night, receiving his academy award for Person Most Resembling the Oscar. "Just because I have this award, doesn't mean I want students to put me up on a pedestal," Tarnow proclaimed.

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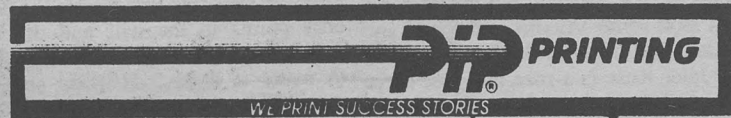
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Since Last Week

The George Washington University, Which Still Sucks

Washington, D.C. April Fool's Day, The Year of the Rat

GW police arrest nobody in particular

by Ben Yehuda
Switch-it Bagel Baker

Forty-two I'm-down-with-UPD officers responded to thick smoke billowing from a stolen french fry machine on the third floor of Thrustin' Hall early Thursday morning.

The Those Aren't Potatoes french fry machine was stolen from the vending machine area on ground floor of the Messy Marvin Center and relocated to the residence hall. It was found in a third-floor room, where the residents were engaging in their pre-Cinco de Mayo ganja and cerveza party.

The party broke up when several guests noticed thick brownish smoke — clearly described as "not related to the self-cleaning mechanism" — flowing from the machine, according to a forged police report.

UPD originally thought the smoke was caused by a bomb and ordered Thrustin' Resident Dictator Rob Wheelbarrow to execute a building evacuation. The dormitorium was cleared in record time — 1 hour 42 minutes, Wheelbarrow said.



UPD Person in Charge of Stuff Dolorass Staph-Infection later said the smoke was caused by a "magnum-sized doobie" stuck in a jar of peanut butter and jammed in the coin return slot.

Staph-Infection could only speculate how the fry machine got into the building in the first place. "We think the alleged pranksters sneaked the alleged vending mechanism past the alleged uniformed safety enforcers in a keg," she said. "However, we can't expect our officers to check every box, bag and keg that comes in the residence hall."

UPD Snooper J.D. Barbell said the suspect fled in one of "those cool, little yellow carts that haul around topsoil and trash and shit and drive on the sidewalks." He described the alleged perpetrator as having no particular gender, ethnic or religious background, but said the suspect answers to the name Consuela.

Barbell said the chances are damn good of catching the perpetrator. "We're gonna nail the bastards. They're guilty as all hell. I'm pissed, I tell ya. Just damn pissed. But I'll get 'em. I'll get those bastards if it takes me to the grave."

Staph-Infection added that the guests were not properly signed in, "but ya know, at this point, we really don't give a shit. Actually, we never did."



photo by Dateline NBC

CULT LEADER TRACHTENGERG FENDS off police from his heavily fortified compound. The standoff with police began sometime in 1969.

How sweet: Buff kick Wolverine ass!

by Jack Kerouac

On the Road

STUCK AT NATIONAL WITH NO RIDE AND NO LUGGAGE — Yinka Dunkin Doo-ray is only a freshman. Chris Webbin of Michigan — "We spotted St. Bonaventure a 46-point lead and came back" — probably will be the No. 1 pick in NBA draft. Who showed up this weekend for the Sweet 16?

Doo-ray did, scoring 23 points, grabbing 12 boards and knocking Juwan HowardsEnd's shots into the third row six times and GW defeated the Wolverines (No, they're not beavers) 86-84 Friday. Then, the Colonials trounced Atlantic 8 Rival Temple 75-50 Sunday to earn the program's first trip to the Final Four in New Orleans.

"Well, the smile outside is only a 1:100 scale model of the one inside," GW head coach Mike Hairless said. "I just feel so much pride in this University, especially now that all these extra applications are rolling in so GW can give me a nice salary hike."

GW 75, Temple 50

Temple's match-up zone did no wonders without its low-post men and GW outmuscled the Owls in the Elite Eight and earn its trip to the Final Four Sunday in Seattle.

Willie (Not Richie) Cunningham-on-

rye was found guilty by a Philadelphia court of auto theft and sentenced to five years in jail. University of Nevada guard B.R. (or is that H.R.) Rider tried to post bail, but needed a tutor to fill out the forms.

"It's just ridiculous. You think they could have waited until I couldn't exploit him anymore," Owl guru John Chaney said, who, as he gets older, looks more and more like an owl.

But back to the basketball game. Doo-ray, Bill In-the-Brigham and Sonni-day Netherlands combined to score 50 of GW's points. Salami (Just call me Bob) Evans woke up and Jarvis let him play, unlike the regular season, and he scored nine.

After the win, the Colonials cut down one net and stuffed Temple alumnus and NBC refusnik Bill The Cosby Show into the other.

GW 86, Michigan 84

Chris Webbin' did not show up. Literally. "I think he had a call from his agent," Wolverines' head coach Steve Fishin'-for-an excuse said. "Then, he tried to talk some trash, but his mouth just froze."

With Webbin' out with lockjaw, Doo-ray was free to roam the baseline and gave Michigan a taste of its own medicine. With guard Dunk Surley

Trachtengerg still in GW cult standoff

by Nigel Hampshire-Smythe
and
P.I. Obidiah
The Two Ronnies

Cool Ranch Kubrickian cult leader Billy Ray Trachtengerg and 69 followers continue to be holed up in Rice Paddy Hall after a University Kops SWAT team armed with tear gas and several GW bureaucrats tried to storm his 43-acre office compound and confiscate his stockpile of limited edition, "The Old, Fat Elvis" stamps more than three years ago.

"He was a quiet guy . . . Kept to himself for the most part, 'ceptin' that time he walked into our house one night, buck naked, and drank dirty dishwater from the sink," neighbor Chuck Woolery said.

Kops, working in conjunction with Bureau of Alcoholics, Tobacco-chewers, and Firewalkers, said they believe Trachtengerg still holds six hostages. They include: singer Wayne Newton, actor Martin Mull, Otis the drunk from "The Andy Griffith Show," media mogul Steve Morse, alleged actress Kim Basinger and at least one of the Judds.

In a related incident, the corpse of world-renowned magician-turned-recluse Doug Henning was unearthed by the Psychic Plants Department while planting those little cabbage-like flowers (they make great coleslaw) behind the Gelman Book Depository. GW Kops Commandant Anthony Giuseppe Mario Vincent RoccoGrandcanyon said shards of a Manischewitz Extra Gold bottle — Trachtengerg's favorite beer — were found in Henning's skull and on his sequined costume.

"I always knew (Trachtengerg) was a loner, a rebel. There was something suspicious about him. He always put his garbage out late at night," Trachtengerg neighbor Bob Barker said.

As of this writing, Trachtengerg neighbor Alex Trebek is negotiating with him via lambada-grams.

According to ATF Poobah William Schatner, Trachtengerg told Trebek, "I am

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fixed with an electronic restraint that prevents him from throwing up awful jumpers, GW ran plenty of alley-oops to Doo-ray.

By halftime, GW was up 84-30 and it looked like a blowout, but the Wolverines took some Vivarin at the half and made it a game. HowardsEnd scored 20 and Jalen Rose-is-a-rose-is-a-rose came straight from a crack house to add 19.

With 1.00000003 seconds left in the contest, Michigan had a chance to send

the game to overtime as Jimmy KingMe made a nasty dunk to tie the score at 84 and chatted with Netherlands. The official called a technical foul on KingMe and guard Alvin (and the Chipmunks) Peer-sall sank two free throws for GW's only points in the half and the win.

"Hey, we were up by 54, but we had to make it close," Hairless said. "It wouldn't have been a GW game without an exciting ending. Those kids, they played a great game."



GW CANNIBALS COACH MIC HAIRLESS (BALD) JOINS Bobo "Holy" Moses, Dork Swirls and HillBilly Big Ham in a ceremony fit for a king.